



Crop Progress and Condition

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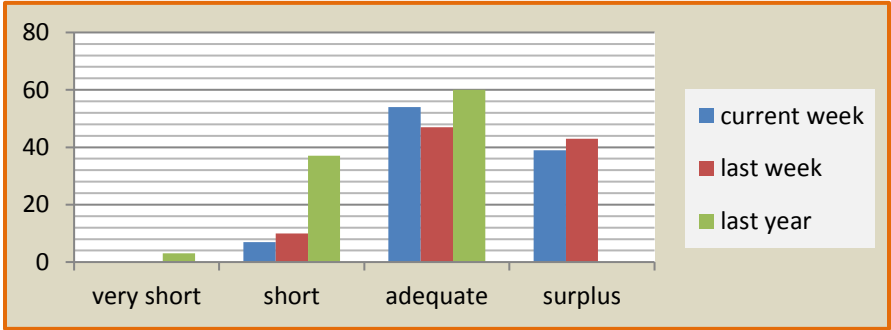
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.5. Fieldwork continues to be limited; many fields are wet and flooded from the heavy rains. Farming activities this week included harvesting apples and making hay as allowed due to the weather conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/23/18

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Topsoil | - | 7 | 54 | 39 |
| Subsoil | - | 6 | 66 | 28 |

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/23/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/23/18

| Crop/Livestock | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Corn | 2 | 4 | 25 | 54 | 15 |
| Hay | - | 9 | 37 | 50 | 4 |
| Soybeans | - | 3 | 13 | 77 | 7 |
| Pasture | 1 | 13 | 28 | 53 | 5 |
| Cattle & Calves | - | 4 | 19 | 70 | 7 |
| Sheep & Lambs | - | 1 | 10 | 81 | 8 |

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/23/18

| Crop Stage | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Apples harvested | 56 | 50 | 57 | 45 |
| Corn dough | 85 | 79 | 95 | 95 |
| Corn dented | 60 | 45 | 58 | 76 |
| Corn mature | 18 | 5 | 19 | 34 |
| Hay second cut | 88 | 86 | 95 | 91 |
| Hay third cut | 15 | 12 | 45 | 41 |
| Soybeans blooming | 95 | 89 | 98 | 99 |
| Soybeans setting pods | 81 | 62 | 88 | 92 |
| Soybeans dropping leaves | 15 | 4 | 18 | 33 |

- Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 23, 2018

This was another very warm week for West Virginia thanks to predominantly Southerly winds through the week. All stations recorded above average temperatures anywhere from 5 to 11 degrees over normal. Some stations reached the 90s during the week, and all stations recorded high temperatures in the 80s. Most low temperatures dropped into the 50s at some point during the week. This was also another week of above average precipitation, adding to already record breaking precipitation amounts for the month of September. The week began with the last remnants of Tropical Storm Florence moving out of the State, and ended with a moisture laden stationary front lingering. The middle of the week was dry, giving the State a chance to dry out somewhat. Every station statewide reported over an inch of rain, and five stations had over two.

Temperatures: Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 92 degrees. Morgantown had the lowest recorded temperature of 52 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Pineville had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.84 inches. Ripley had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.01 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.79 inches.

| Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/23/18 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|---------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
| Station | High | Low | Average | Weekly Departure | Total | Week's Norm | Since April 1st 2018 | Same Week Last Year | Season Normal |
| --NORTHWEST----- | | | | | | | | | |
| WHEELING | 86 | 56 | 69 | 6 | 2.50 | 0.47 | 35.99 | 26.50 | 21.43 |
| PARKERSBURG | 90 | 57 | 73 | 8 | 1.58 | 0.70 | 27.04 | 28.47 | 22.02 |
| CRESTON | 89 | 58 | 71 | | 1.50 | | 32.54 | 20.75 | |
| --NORTHCENTRAL----- | | | | | | | | | |
| MORGANTOWN | 86 | 52 | 70 | 6 | 2.15 | 0.77 | 29.86 | 28.99 | 22.87 |
| CLARKSBURG | 87 | 58 | 72 | 9 | 1.70 | 0.79 | 29.29 | 30.94 | 24.63 |
| BELINGTON | 87 | 57 | 70 | | 1.61 | | 36.62 | 28.28 | |
| WESTON | 88 | 57 | 72 | | 2.10 | | 40.35 | 30.17 | |
| --SOUTHWEST----- | | | | | | | | | |
| WILLIAMSON | 92 | 64 | 76 | | 1.83 | | 22.38 | 35.33 | |
| HUNTINGTON | 90 | 60 | 74 | 8 | 1.95 | 0.60 | 32.17 | 25.47 | 22.71 |
| CHARLESTON | 89 | 59 | 72 | 6 | 1.96 | 0.76 | 31.49 | 26.21 | 23.75 |
| RIPLEY | 88 | 58 | 72 | | 1.01 | | 32.20 | 22.58 | |
| --CENTRAL----- | | | | | | | | | |
| TERRA ALTA | 81 | 53 | 65 | | 2.06 | | 39.50 | 34.56 | |
| ELKINS | 90 | 58 | 72 | 11 | 1.87 | 0.87 | 39.16 | 23.99 | 25.61 |
| MARLINTON | 83 | 59 | 69 | | 1.38 | | 30.49 | 25.75 | |
| --SOUTHERN----- | | | | | | | | | |
| BECKLEY | 82 | 56 | 69 | 7 | 1.44 | 0.71 | 27.19 | 26.94 | 23.09 |
| PINEVILLE | 87 | 63 | 73 | | 2.84 | | 24.33 | 31.34 | |
| BLUEFIELD | 84 | 57 | 69 | 5 | 1.86 | 0.75 | 26.75 | 27.64 | 21.82 |
| WHITE SUL SP | 87 | 59 | 71 | | 1.97 | | 31.42 | 20.41 | |
| BLUESTONE DAM | 87 | 58 | 71 | | 1.27 | | 25.10 | 22.89 | |
| --NORTHEASTERN----- | | | | | | | | | |
| MARTINSBURG | 85 | 56 | 69 | 5 | 1.37 | 0.86 | 40.62 | 24.21 | 20.91 |
| KEYSER | 85 | 56 | 70 | | 1.81 | | 37.85 | 25.25 | |
| MOOREFIELD | 87 | 56 | 70 | | 1.57 | | 27.75 | 20.51 | |
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| State Average Temperature | 71 | | | | | | | | |
| State Average Precipitation | 1.79 | | | | | | | | |

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.

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